

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 22 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

- 1 7. (currently amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a
2 transaction, comprising the steps of:
3 generating an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of a buyer wherein
4 the electronic portrait comprises at least one of: a mathematical imprint of the buyer, a verbal
5 description of the buyer, and an electronic audio imprint of the buyer, the electronic portrait

6 that provides the physical identifier of the buyer enabling generation of a physical identifier
7 for comparison to the buyer by a seller;
8 storing the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer at a
9 remote location accessible via the personal device;
10 storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the electronic
11 portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer at the remote location; and
12 transmitting the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer to
13 a seller via a wireless interface during a transaction.

1 8. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the wireless interface
2 comprises a Bluetooth interface.

1 9. (currently amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during
2 a transaction, comprising the steps of:
3 transmitting an identifier enabling access to a remote location from a personal device
4 containing an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of the buyer wherein the
5 electronic portrait comprises at least one of: a mathematical imprint of the buyer, a verbal
6 description of the buyer, and an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;
7 receiving the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer from
8 the remote location, the electronic portrait enabling generation of [a] the physical identifier
9 for comparison to the buyer by a seller using equipment of the seller;

10 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
11 displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller; and
12 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

1 10. (previously presented) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of
2 interconnecting with the personal device containing the electronic portrait via the bluetooth
3 interface.

1 11. (original) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of decrypting the
2 electronic portrait.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

1 14. (original) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the steps of comparing the
2 physical identifier to the buyer.

1 15. (original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the step of receiving further
2 comprises receiving from the personal device which is located in a shielded area.

1 16. (currently amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during
2 a transaction, comprising the steps of:

3 receiving an identifier enabling access to a location remote from the personal device
4 containing [the] an electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer
5 wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of: a mathematical imprint of the
6 buyer, a verbal description of the buyer, and an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;
7 accessing the electronic portrait using the identifier;
8 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
9 displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller; and
10 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

1 17. (original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the short range wireless interface
2 comprises a Bluetooth interface.

1 18. (currently amended) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during
2 a transaction comprising the steps of:
3 generating an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of a buyer wherein
4 the electronic portrait comprises at least one of: a mathematical imprint of the buyer, a
5 verbal description of the buyer, and an electronic audio imprint of the buyer, the electronic
6 portrait enabling generation of [a] the physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a
7 seller;
8 storing the electronic portrait at a remote location accessible via the personal device;

9 storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the electronic
10 portrait at the remote location;
11 establishing a wireless communications link between a personal device and the seller;
12 receiving the electronic portrait from a buyer via the wireless communications link;
13 generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
14 displaying the physical identifier to the seller on equipment of the seller; and
15 completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

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19. (canceled)

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1 21. (original) The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of decrypting the
2 electronic portrait.

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22. (canceled)

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23. (canceled)

1 24. (original) The method of Claim 18, further comprising the step of comparing the
2 physical identifier to the buyer.

1 25. (original) The method of Claim 18, further including the step of placing the
2 electronic device in a shielded area associated with the seller prior to transmitting the
3 electronic portrait.

26. (canceled)

1 27. (original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the step of receiving further includes
2 the steps of:

3 receiving an identifier enabling access to a location remote from the personal device
4 containing the electronic portrait; and
5 accessing the electronic portrait using the identifier.

1 28. (original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the wireless interface comprises a
2 Bluetooth interface.

1 29. (currently amended) An electronic personal device enabling identification of
2 a buyer during a transaction comprising:
3 a memory;
4 an identifier enabling access to an electronic portrait that provides a physical
5 identifier of the buyer stored within a remote location wherein the electronic portrait
6 comprises at least one of: a mathematical imprint of the buyer, a verbal description of the

7 buyer, and an electronic audio imprint of the buyer, the electronic portrait enabling
8 generation of [a] the physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller; and
9 transmission circuitry enabling a wireless communications link between the buyer
10 and the seller for transmission of the identifier.

1 30. (original) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including a public
2 key associated with the electronic portrait.

1 31. (original) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, wherein the electronic
2 portrait is part of a certificate.

~~32. (canceled)~~

1 33. (original) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, wherein the personal
2 device comprises a mobile telephone.

1 34. (original) The electronic personnel device of Claim 29, wherein the wireless
2 communication link comprises a Bluetooth interface.

1 35. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 7, further including the
2 step of including an encryption key with the electronic portrait.

1 36. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, further including the step of
2 including a public key with the electronic portrait.

1 37. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, further including a private key
2 associated with the electronic portrait.

1 38. (original) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including a private
2 key associated with the electronic portrait.

1 39. (original) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including an
2 encryption key associated with the electronic portrait.
